(b) what are the reasons therefor and how does the Central Government propose to help the State Governments in financing their increasing irrigation needs? -

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As the Total investible resources for the market borrowing programme, both for the Central and State Governments, is limited, there is no scope for allowing any additional allocation to Maharashtra Government over and above the borrowing programme as already approved. However, it has been decided to allow State level public sector undertakings to issue bonds in conformity with the guidelines of Securities and Exchange Control Board of India. For expenditious completion of some of the nationally important irrigation projects in the country, it was contemplated to provide special Central assistance to the States during the Eighth Plan period; Due to resources constraints, the Planning Commission could not accept the proposal and has suggested that the issue of funding for the national projects be first-discussed with the States as the overall national resource availability for irrigation sector is not going to change thereby.

Completion of Rajghat and Bansagar Project

2993. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the revised target date of completion of Rajghat and Bansagar Inter-State projects;

(b) what action is being taken by the Central Government for providing adequate funds;

(c) whether a time bound programme has been prepared for payment of land compensation and rehabilitation of oustees; and

(d) if so, the progress achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) As per revised targets Rajgat Dam *Project and Rajghat Hydro-Eletric* Project are scheduled to be completed by August, 1994 and Bansagar Dam Project upto Crest level by June, 1995 and complete with gates by June, 1998.

(b) The funds for the Rajghat Dam Project and Rajghat Hydro-Electric Project are provided by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in the ratio of 1:1. The funds for the Bansagar Project are provided by the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the ration of 2:1:1. This Ministry has taken up with the concerned States expeditious release of their share.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) On Rajghat Dam Project an area of 18607 hectares out of a total area of 2S353 hectares has been acquired and an expenditure of Rs. 25.76 crores has been incurred towards land aquisition and rehabilitation upto October, 1992.

On Bansagar Dam Project an area of 18129 hectares out of a total area of 34764.84 hectares has been acquired and an expenditure of Rs. 87.18 crores has been incurred towards land acquisition and rehabilitation till October, 1992.

सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के निर्माण हेतु गुजरात को वित्तीय सहायता

2994. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने राज्य में लघु, मध्यम तथा बड़ी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के निर्माण हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने का अनुरोध किया है;